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Subject: Re: RFP: State EJ Cooperative Agreement--Communities Impacted by COVID-19

Excellent. May 20 is my only black out day. Thanks.

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I spoke with Kathy yesterday. She's got a few loose ends to tie up for another project during the next week or so. Then, she'll set up the call with you and me, and probably Alan too.

In the meantime, do you have any "black-out" dates / times that won't work, say during the next two weeks?

Thanks,
Maryann

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Great. Will you send an email to Kathy or me to set up a call?

Thanks much,

Debbie

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Alan is the manager of the group that includes Environmental Justice (and also Children's Health); Kathy Triantafillou is the EJ coordinator for the region.

There are upcoming webinars; check the RFP that you sent the link to and search "webinar." You can also find the list of webinars at <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/state-environmental-justice-cooperative-agreement-program> and then click on the tab, Request for Applications.

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Thanks for this information, Maryann.

Yes, I would love that Centreville-focused call. Is the EJ point person Alan Walts or someone else?

Also, are there still webinars coming up re the funding opp?

Thanks much,

Debbie

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Ms Chizewer,

Unfortunately, EPA staff can't discuss an open funding opportunity. The only communication on these is generally through the announced webinars or through frequently asked questions.

I will share information about the Centerville community with our regional environmental justice coordinator and perhaps we can schedule a call to discuss the issues, without mention of the open funding opportunity.

My apologies,
Maryann

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Hi Ms. Suero,

I am writing to find out if we can set up a time to speak about this exciting opportunity.

I understand that it is targeted to states and local governments. Hopefully, though, if the conversation reveals that this a good fit for a community I know, I can share the information learned on our call with the state and local government and encourage them to apply.

As background, I am sharing this February newspaper article about the low-income African-American community of Centerville which has persistent failures of its sewage infrastructure—leading to backups in residents' homes and yards. This is a health threat that may be worsened if it turns out that COVID-19 may spread through raw sewage. Current flood season only exacerbates these concerns.

Are you available to speak over the next week?

Thanks,

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